

REMARKS

Claims 1-43 were pending in the application at the time of the Office Action. The Office Action set forth a restriction requirement requiring applicant to elect one of the following groups of claims for prosecution on the merits:

- Group I: Claims 1-20, drawn to a method for resecting at least a portion of a lateral or medial facet at the proximal end of a tibia
- Group II: Claims 21-31, drawn to a rasp
- Group III: Claims 32-43, drawn to a system for resecting at least a portion of a lateral or medial facet at the proximal end of a tibia

Applicant hereby elects without traverse Group III containing claims 32-43 for prosecution on the merits. As such, claims 1-31 have been cancelled herein.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration and allowance of claims 32-43 as currently pending in the present application. Should the Examiner find any impediment to allowance of the claims which could be clarified in a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate such an interview with the undersigned.

Dated this 11th day of April 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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